

# CATHOLIC FEDERATION WILL BE ORGANIZED

(By Associated Press.)  
KANSAS CITY, Mo., Aug. 8.—Monsignor John Bonzano, apostolic delegate to the United States, seven or more archbishops, thirty bishops and several thousand priests and laymen, it is expected, will attend the sixteenth annual convention of the American Federation of Catholic societies, which will be held here August 26-29.

This year's convention, it is declared, will be one of the most important in the history of the organization, as it is expected that action will be taken upon the so-called "diocesan plan," under which it is proposed to affiliate all Catholic bodies in the country with the American federation. There are 110 dioceses in the country and if the plan is put into effect the federation officials say its membership will be increased from 3,000,000 to about 18,000,000.

The plan was proposed at the convention last year, and it was decided to take action at this year's

meeting. The movement was endorsed at a conference of the American archbishops in Washington some time ago. The American federation is the largest Catholic body in the country, and a number of large organizations already are affiliated with it. The diocesan plan would bring all of the smaller societies into affiliation.

How the Roman Catholics of America may help win the war also will be discussed at the convention.

An elaborate program for the entertainment of the visitors has been arranged by the members of the local branch of the federation. The convention will open Sunday morning, August 26, with a pontifical high mass with Monsignor Bonzano as celebrant. The sermon will be delivered by Archbishop Glennon. In the evening there will be a mass meeting in Convention hall over which Archbishop Glennon will preside. Addresses of welcome will be delivered by Bishop Thomas F. Lill-

is of Kansas City; Mayor George Edwards, Kansas City, and John Whalen, New York, president of the federation. The principal addresses will be by Monsignor Bonzano and Judge Martin J. Wade, Iowa City, Iowa.

Monday, August 27, will be devoted entirely to business sessions, with a "Catholic day" celebration at a local park in the evening. Tuesday morning a pontifical requiem mass will be said at the cathedral for Archbishop Blenk, New Orleans; Bishop James A. McFaul, Trenton, N. J., and the deceased members of the federation. In the evening a meeting under the auspices of the social service commission of the federation will be held. Bishop P. J. Muldoon, of Rockford, Ill., will preside. The closing business session is set for Wednesday morning. In the afternoon the visitors will be taken for a trip about the city.

Many social affairs are being planned for the visiting women by the women of Kansas City.

# FOOD BILL WILL BE SIGNED BY THE PRESIDENT ON SATURDAY

(By Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, Aug. 8.—Both advocates and opponents of the legislation said last night there was no doubt of the senate's approval of the conference report, probably by an overwhelming majority. Sending of the measure to President Wilson for his signature will be delayed until Friday, because the house adjourned until Friday and the final draft must be signed by the presiding officers of both houses.

But few speeches are expected in the senate before the vote. Administration leaders predict that there will be less than a dozen votes in opposition. Immediately after its disposition it is planned to adopt the conference report on the first administration food bill, providing a food survey and appropriations to stimulate production. Little opposition is expected.

Discussion yesterday, in criticism of many features of the legislation, and mostly by senators who expect to vote for the conferees' draft apparently resulted in conviction

among the opponents that further discussion would achieve nothing.

The principal speech of the day was made by Senator Wadsworth, who said the good things in the bill outnumbered the bad ones, but protested elimination of the provision for a congressional committee to supervise war expenditures, and predicted that the \$2 minimum wheat price fixing provision might not operate as its proponents believe. He urged co-operation between the legislative and administrative branches of the government and a greater degree of publicity of the conduct of the war.

The New York senator denounced the delay in enactment of the first food bill as a breaking of faith by the government with the people.

"Some power, some person or some influence prevented the enactment of the so-called food survey bill," he said. "We are told that the delay was a piece of legislative strategy. It may be a piece of clever legislative strategy, but I say that

in view of the promised word of the government, it was a breaking of good faith with the people of this country."

He added that the impression has gone out that there was more insincerity back of the food propaganda than patriotism in order to let somebody in Washington achieve an ambition.

Deploping what he termed the "present atmosphere of criticism," that prevailed in congress and throughout the country, Senator Wadsworth declared it was due to the fact that "congress is in the dark as to how the \$14,000,000,000 or \$17,000,000,000 are to be spent in connection with the war."

"Not only is congress in the dark regarding the expenditures, but the public is in the dark," he said. "It is an impossible condition under which to wage war. This is the people's war. It is not an administration war. It is not a government war. But it cannot be a people's war unless the people are taken into confidence regarding expenditures."

# ROOT HAD NARROW ESCAPE FROM DEATH BY ANARCHISTS

(By Associated Press.)  
TOKIO, July 20.—Elhu Root, head of the American mission to Russia, and the other members of the party had a narrow escape from death at the hands of persons, supposed to be anarchists, while traveling through Siberia en route home.

The story, as told here today by Mrs. Gregory Mason, of New York, and other travelers from Russia arriving today, indicates that the plot involved a number of persons. First an attempt was made to wreck the train carrying the American mission by destroying a bridge over which

it had to cross and then flaming cars were sent near the Root special with the wind driving the flames against the sides of the latter.

The attempt was made at the Viatska station. A bridge ahead of Mr. Root's train was fired, but the train was stopped before it reached the burning structure. The repair of the damage caused a delay of 30 hours.

The special was just about to start again when the station itself and the storehouse burst into flames. Efforts to extinguish the second fire

proved unavailing and a number of railway coaches began burning. Three trains in all were destroyed.

It is declared that a number of the blazing cars were pushed down the tracks deliberately to the vicinity of the Root train and the coaches of the special were badly charred before they could be removed.

Mr. Root, Mrs. Mason declared, remained very cool during the excitement. Whether any arrests were made in connection with the plot, no one of the travelers arriving here was able to say.

# NEW FACES IN THE MINISTRY AT BERLIN EXCITE COMMENT

(By Associated Press.)  
COPENHAGEN, Aug. 8.—Among the new men appointed to posts in the ministry at Berlin, are two recruits from the ranks of the communal administrators, Herr Waldraff, minister of the interior, and Herr Swanner minister of economics, were associated with Chancellor Michaelis in his former work of food distribution and control and attracted his notice by the energy and ability with which they handled the food problems in their respective municipalities.

One of the most interesting members of the new administration, if he accepts office, will be the socialist, August Mueller whose name is as indicative of popular extraction as John Smith would be in American life. Herr Mueller's acceptance is said to be doubtful and if he becomes the first socialist under-secretary in Germany's history, it apparently will be because he finds

himself viewing his possible services to the problem of the proper nutrition of the people either not compatible with or as outweighing his socialist principles.

Dr. von Kuehlmann, the new secretary for foreign affairs, is greeted by the socialist newspaper Vorwaerts as representative of the spirit of a peaceful, friendly understanding with Germany's present enemies. It takes the optimistic view that he accepted the office with the intent of pursuing a policy based upon the reichstag resolution. This assumption also explains the friendly acceptance extended to him by the radical press.

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Men called it the fight between an eagle and a vulture that encounter between an allied airplane and a German U-boat hundreds of miles at sea nearly a week ago and they were still on the point of cheering yesterday as they told how the eagle won and the vulture disappeared with a great spouting of oil, water, waste and debris, says the N. Y. Morning Telegraph.

Those who talked about the affair yesterday naturally were interested in it because they were all passengers on a big liner which arrived at an American port. This ship and the 169 passengers, the 200 or more crew and all the precious cargo were to be the prey of the

big U-boat which was the vulture and it seemed as if nothing could save them from the fatal torpedo when the eagle swooped out of the sky, dropped a depth charge bomb over the spot where the periscope had disappeared and then signalled, "all right, go ahead."

To begin with the passengers said they were mighty relieved soon after swinging out in to the English channel to see a war-gray ship fall in behind them. They began to cheer up still more when a big hydroplane shot up off the ship, circled around the liner and climbed up high enough to see everything on the sea for miles around. So far as they knew it was the first time this method of conveying had been tried and no one went below, even to eat while it was on.

It was on the second day out when one of the hydroplanes was little more than a blur in the sky, that some signal was flashed to the bridge of the liner which caused the ship to start zigzagging like a hula dancer. At the same time the hydroplane took a dive out of the sky straight down on the water. A forward lookout called hoarsely to the bridge: "Periscope on the port bow!" And every passenger aboard that ship leaned staring and quiet over the rails for the next scene.

"Here it comes," shouted one man, whose keen eyes had picked out the frothing wake of a torpedo. The

ship sheered and the wake crossed the bows forty or fifty yards ahead. The ship swung again, and then suddenly the eyes of all were lifted from the water to that descending hydroplane. It came like a flash of gray white aimed straight for the periscope. No one knew what was to occur, but all stared.

It seems as if the eyes at the base of the periscope must have picked out that falling body, for the slender little column began to sink. It had just disappeared when the plane dropped within fifty feet of the surface and then swung up. But as it did a heavy dark object dropped from it and plunged into the water. An instant later there was a geyser of water with the oil and debris.

Everybody yesterday frankly admitted they just leaned back and yelled or shrieked, clasped hands and patted the nearest backs, male or female. The hydroplane wig-wagged a signal to the ship, which straightened out again and rushed for the open sea. The airships continued with the convoy until well outside the U-boat zone.

Of course the officers and crew of the ship yesterday would not say a word about the affair, under orders. The passengers were entirely willing to say it all, however.

Among the passengers were thirty French naval officers and sailors, who are to report to the American navy for special instructions.

# GERMANY OFFERS COAL FOR GOLD

ALLIES WILL ASSUME THE DUTY OF SENDING FUEL TO THE SWISS

(By Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, Aug. 8.—Confirmation has reached the state department of the report that Germany has demanded a loan in gold from Switzerland in return for coal. In official circles here this is taken as emphasizing the stories of financial difficulties in which Germany finds herself at present.

Switzerland is resisting the demand and, if it is pressed, she is in far better shape than Holland or the Scandinavian countries to meet either military or economic aggression from Germany.

Under present conditions Switzerland is dependent upon Germany for her coal, but it is believed that the allies may be able to meet her needs.

**SOUTHERN COAL MINERS DEMAND HIGHER WAGES**

(By Associated Press.)  
PINEVILLE, Ky., Aug. 8.—Miners of southeastern Kentucky and north-eastern Tennessee at a conference here today adopted resolutions calling for a strike to begin next Saturday. Ten thousand men are said to be affected. The miners demand a readjustment of the wage scale and recognition of the union as well as improved working conditions.

**BILL BRENNAN OUTPOINTS MADDEN IN TEN ROUNDS**

(By Associated Press.)  
NEW YORK, Aug. 8.—Bill Brennan of Chicago outfought Bartley Madden of this city in every round of a ten round contest here last night. Madden was knocked down twice in the first round with a right swing to the jaw. Brennan weighed 195 pounds and Madden 175.

Meantime peace talk in England seems to be about as fruitful as corn planted on a concrete pavement.—Birmingham Ledger.

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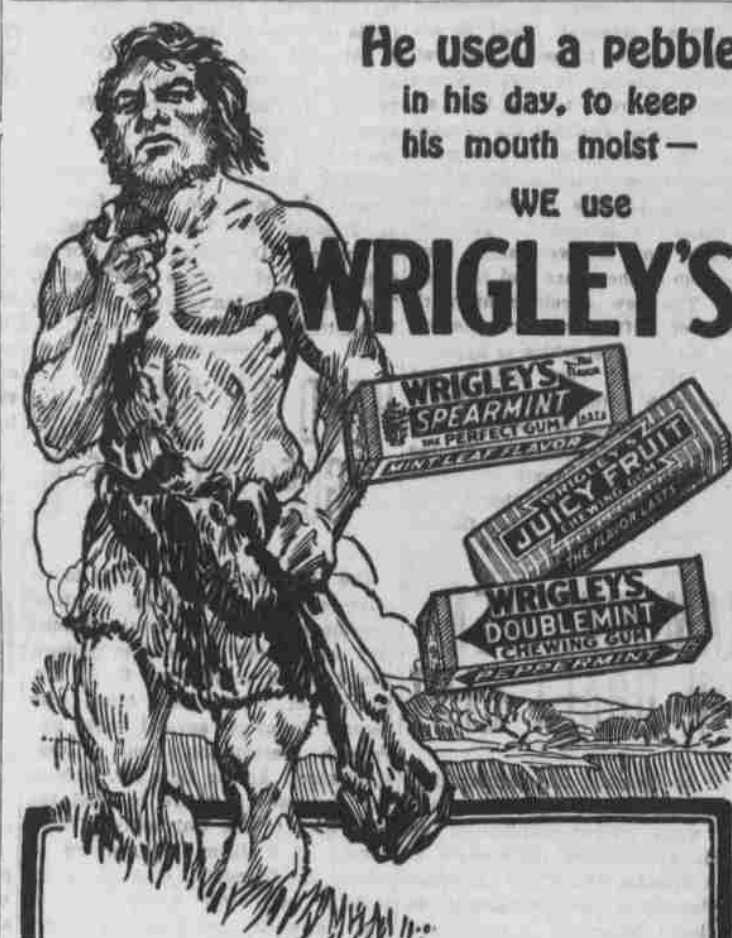
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